



Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg

December 14, 1954 - January 21, 2022

Jose A. Gamez, 67, of Schaumburg, Illinois: passed away on January 21, 2022 in the home he built in Schaumburg, Illinois after a long, valiant battle with multiple myeloma and pancreatic cancer with his devoted wife Ana and three children, Luis, Alfredo, and Deliana lovingly by his side.

Jose was the loving husband of Ana Reyes-Gamez; devoted father of Luis Reyes, Alfredo Gamez, and Deliana (Greg) Zeman; his brothers Oscar (Brandie) Martinez, Nelson (Ari) Gamez, and sister Ana (Eduardo) Martinez; his in-laws Carmen (Jorge) Cobo and Maria (Vince) Munyon; numerous nieces Roxy, Andrea, Nidia, Elia, Fallon, and Erin and nephews Rodrigo (Hershey), Eddie, Mauricio (Camilla), Alex (Kennedy), and Oscar and fond grand-paw of Benji and Henry.

Jose was born in 1954 in La Libertad, El Salvador. Jose learned to survive and thrive among the ocean and mountains of his own backyard. With immense courage, he left everything he had known the first 27 years of his life, to begin from scratch in another country for the sake of his life and future. In 1982, he met his beautiful wife Ana and his son Luis, in the city of Chicago where he took them out on their first date to see E.T. Ana and Jose fell in love and began their adventure together with their son, Luis. In 1990 and 1991 they welcomed their son and daughter, Alfredo and Deliana, and Luis became a big brother.

Jose and his loving family moved to Schaumburg, Illinois where he called home for the remainder of his beautiful life. Jose was a dedicated father who always made sure his wife and kids got to experience life to its fullest. Jose and his family traveled the world. Visiting five of the seven continents and countless countries, Jose was able to provide a life for his family that they'll always cherish and be grateful for.

Jose was a universal handy man, the family mechanic, and a Jack of All Trades. He never missed a day of work or failed to provide. Jose was a kind, honest, and selfless man with complete disinterest in ego and materialism. He had a life-long love for learning. He had a deep love for the ocean and deep respect for the Earth and animals. He could fix and build anything, no feat was too hard or unattainable. He accepted everyone with a refusal to judge or dismiss anyone. He enjoyed helping people and telling funny stories. His heart and laugh were contagious. Jose loved music and dancing. He was the life of the party, yet never had a drink. Jose always remained calm and put everyone at ease. He was the protector of the family and kept everyone safe.

Jose has earned eternal rest. Now it is our turn to try and be worthy of his sacrifices by following his example. To always put family first, to always be kind, to communicate with poise and grace, and to always help anyone in need. Jose is loved and will be missed terribly by all of the lives he's impacted. His legacy will live on forever and always through the people who love him most.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. till time of service at 1:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. Entombment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles.

If you are unable to attend the visitation in person but would like to attend virtually please [CLICK HERE](https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jose-Gamez-3/#!/PhotosVideos) (<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jose-Gamez-3/#!/PhotosVideos>) and the livestream will start at approximately 9:30 A.M.

In lieu of flowers donations to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (<https://givenow.lls.org/give/342076/#!/donation/checkout>) or Northwestern Medicine (https://secure2.convio.net/nmhc/site/Donation2?4838.donation=form1&df_id=4838&mfc_pref=T) would be greatly appreciated.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences to the family, please click on the link above and you can leave the family a message, with the share a memory link. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card to the Family, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o The Family. We will gladly forward it on.

Cemetery Details

Maryhill Catholic Cemetery in Niles

8600 North Milwaukee Avenue
Niles, IL 60714
(847) 823-0982
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=10>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
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Funeral Service

JAN 25. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 22, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ *Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.*



January 25, 2022 at 09:23 PM

JJ

“Hermano, quiero que sepas que aunque no nos vimos muy frecuente, los pocos tiempos que pasamos juntos dejaron una impresión muy fuerte en mi vida y en mi persona como padre, esposo y como amigo.

Usted reforzó en mi la importancia de dar sin reserva hasta la última gota de aliento que nos quede en esta vida a nuestros seres más queridos. A nuestra familia y nuestros verdaderos amigos.

Siempre quedará grabado en mi memoria el orgullo que vi en tu rostro mientras caminabas de brazos con tu hija querida y se la entregabas a su futuro esposo. Se que fue un esfuerzo físico sumamente difícil para ti. Pero también se que no había nada ni nadie en el mundo que te pudiera robar ese momento.

Mis últimos recuerdos de ti siempre serán aquellos breves pero preciosos minutos que pasamos conversando en la boda de Deliana, hablando de nuestras familias, de la política, de deportes y de la vida.

De lo único que no me hablaste fue de tu enfermedad, de tu dolor, o de lo eminente que todos temíamos.

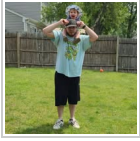
Se en mi alma que donde te encuentras hoy puedes oír los sentimientos de todos aquellos que te quieren y te extrañan tanto. Se también que entiendes lo tanto que admiro tu fortaleza, la dedicación a tu familia, tus sacrificios y tu amistad.

Y que para mi siempre serás un héroe.

Tu primo, John



John Jimenez - January 25, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *For the better part of 8 years, i was in and out of the Gamez household on a daily basis with our crew of friends. Even with all of us constantly making noise, messes and disrupting a beautiful household with our antics, Mr. Gamez was always a welcoming soul. While most of our interactions were limited to a smile or wave, he and his wife always made sure we felt at home at his home. and while Im sure we overstayed our welcome on more than one occasion, he was always kind and friendly to us.*

Alf, Lou and Deliana are some of the kindest, friendliest people i've had the pleasure of knowing, and their dad's lifestyle and attitude are a direct reflection of the great people they are today. Im positive he is extremely proud of the adults he has raised. Life has taken us all in other directions but i know i always have great friends in the Gamez household.

*Sending my love to all of you in this tough time.
Quaggs*

John Quaglia - January 25, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Alfredo, your unconditional love towards your family was truly admirable. Your warmth, kindness, generosity and hospitality each time we visited Chicago will always remain in our hearts. Rest peacefully next to our Savior. We love you tus primos Lourdes y John*

Lourdes Jimenez - January 25, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.



January 24, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.



January 24, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.



January 24, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.



January 24, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.



January 24, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.



January 24, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Que privilegio haber podido compartir 40 años de mi vida contigo. Hoy tu partida nos deja el corazon en mil pedasos. Nada sera igual en la familia sin tu presencia. Siempre estaras presente en mi corazon.. te quiero y te extraño tanto mi cuñadito lindo 🥹
Que descanses en Paz como tu mereces.



la “pikita” - January 24, 2022 at 01:11 PM

FF

“ *Frank Cobo and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.*



Frank Cobo and Family - January 24, 2022 at 12:15 PM

OL

“ *Nuestro querido amigo Alfredo.*

Mucho dolor no has dado que te nos a ido. Alfredo, un día nos contaste de tu vida lo dura y lo fuerte que habías luchado. Mi amigo, creo que esa fue tu gran lección que nos dejaste a todos los que te conocimos.

Fuiste un hombre honesto, servicial, cariñoso, humilde y sobretodo guerrero.

Hoy nos toca despedirnos de ti pero con una gran lección que nos enseñarte que fue no tenerle miedo a la vida y luchar como tú lo hiciste hasta que Dios te llamo porque era tiempo de descansar.

Tu enfermedad no gamo la batalla si no nos enseñó a todos no vencernos y luchar.

Amigo tu tiempo llegó de disfrutar de una paz eterna que solo Dios te puede dar.

Alfredo nunca serás olvidado fuiste un gran guerrero, maestro y amigo!

Que descanses y hasta luego. Tus eternos amigos Eddie y Olguita

Olguita - January 24, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Jose A. Gamez of Schaumburg.*



January 23, 2022 at 05:18 PM

BB

“ Alfredo was one of the strongest men I know. He constantly gave his all and did everything with such pride. He was curious and loved to learn. I always enjoyed seeing him light up when he would tell me a random fact. He just knew everything and if there was ever a moment he didn't know something, best believe he would strap on his headlamp and figure it out. He always figured it out.

From the very beginning when meeting his son, Alfie, I knew Alfie came from a loving home. Alfie would talk so highly of his family and shared some of the greatest stories of him and his dad. He talked about building stuff together, going paint balling, trying any and every food, and being fearless because his dad wasn't scared of anything. Later when meeting Alfredo's other two kids, Luis and Deliana, I heard just as many stories and saw the same amazing traits in them.

I would like to thank you, Alfredo, for shaping the man I love. You and your wife, Ana, did a beautiful job raising your three kids and I'm forever grateful to be a part of this family. Thank you for welcoming me like your own and loving me from the start. I am honored to have known you and I am beyond lucky to have memories with you.

Alfredo came to my rescue and fixed my car just like everyone else's, he somehow managed to get my terrible 21st birthday spray tan off, he shoveled a path of Benji's favorite spots in the backyard when the snow was too high for him, he was disappointed when figuring out that I left my gas tank empty with freezing temperatures outside...which I secretly loved because he was truly being a dad (my dad would have been just as disappointed). He cared for not just me, but for Benji too and I couldn't be more grateful.

Benji thanks you for all the times you sat outside with him, for all the kisses & cuddles, and for all the times you played together. I know you loved your "Benju" and he loved you too.

Alfredo loved and was loved by everyone. Heaven gained one of the greatest guys and his loss can never be replaced. If you had the

privilege of meeting or knowing him, you understand how amazing he was. I find comfort in knowing we have him as an angel to watch over us every day.

Alfredo, you always were and always will be a second father to me. I love you.

-Bri

Briana Banciu - January 23, 2022 at 03:19 PM

MM

“ Jose Alfredo Gamez- “Papi, Papi Alfredo, Padrino, Alfie, Cuñadito or Compadre”-we all had a different nick name for him depending on our connection. However, what we all had in common was how much we all adored him.

Alfie, was a kind hearted, soft spoken man who carried much wisdom in all of his conversations. He was accepting of everyone and he judged no one. This by far, was my favorite trait of his. To me Alfie was not just a brother-in-law, he was my brother. He was my friend that understood me. I like to think I had a very special connection with him as this is how I felt with him. Others might feel the same as he treated everyone with a special love, kindness and service attitude.

To say Alfie was giving is an understatement. He helped anyone he met and he did not ever take anything in return. He was rich in friends and loved from all that had the pleasure of knowing him. He fixed everyone’s car in our family, close friends and at times new acquaintances. There was nothing he did not know how to fix.

He was self-taught in many trades. Whether it was rebuilding my old stove, fixing my snow blower, or fixing the cars with his sons, brothers or nephews, he always had something to contribute. He helped everyone expecting nothing in return.

Alfie’s life was centered around his wife, kids and family. His home was open to anyone and everyone.

Today, heaven gains an Angel. I pray that he is welcomed in heaven with the same love that he always welcomed everyone into his home.

For now, it is not good bye- but until we see each other again, Compadre. You will forever leave a void in our lives. You will never be forgotten. Thank you for the gift of being you, for the selfless love you always shared, for your guidance, kindness and time. I always appreciated how much you always cared.

With much love and respect. RIP
Mary (tu Cuñadita)



Maria Munyon - January 23, 2022 at 12:07 AM